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- ☐ Applicant(s) (at least in part). See next section for explanation. The appropriate fee under 37 CFR §1.323 has been authorized below.

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Please correct the following errors made by the USPTO:

At Column 10, line 17, cancel the text beginning with "21. An apparatus for testing" and ending "connected to N computer systems" in column 10, line 32, and insert the following claim:

--21. An apparatus for testing, said apparatus comprising:  
one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities; and  
means for coupling the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities with one or more corresponding data link layer entities, wherein  
the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities are internal to at least one network router,  
the one or more corresponding data link layer entities are internal to at least one unit under test, and  
each of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities is configured to function as a data link layer entity, and  
the at least one router tests the unit under test as if the unit under test was connected to N computer systems.--

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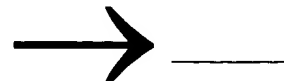
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least one network router,  
the one or more corresponding data link layer entities are internal to at least  
one unit under test, and  
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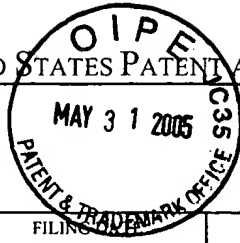
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-9, 11-18 and 20-39.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 December 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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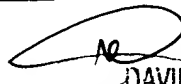
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Fax Cover (1 page);
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page); and
- (3) Amendment Under Rule 1.312 (13 pages).

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.312**

Dear Sir:

Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

No amendments to the Specification or to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.



**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 38 as shown below. The following listing of claims, if entered, replaces all previous versions of the claims.

1. **(Canceled)**
2. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the unit under test is a computer system.
3. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein said coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:
  - connecting at least one physical data link between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test.
4. **(Original)** The method of Claim 3, wherein said connecting at least one physical data link between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:
  - coupling an input of a first data link to a first network router;
  - coupling an output of the first data link to an input of switching logic; and
  - connecting at least one output of the switching logic to an input of the unit under test.
5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein said coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:
  - connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test.

6. **(Original)** The method of Claim 5, wherein said connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

connecting an output of a first network router and an output of a second network router to an input of a first aggregation unit; and  
connecting an output of the first aggregation unit to the unit under test.

7. **(Original)** The method of Claim 5, wherein said connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

coupling an output of an aggregation unit to an input of switching logic; and  
connecting at least one output of the switching logic to an input of the unit under test.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein said coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

coupling at least one of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities with at least one decryption-encryption service.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein said coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

coupling at least one of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities with at least one network layer entity.

10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 37, wherein the unit under test is a computer system.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 37, wherein said one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

at least one physical data link connecting the at least one network router with the at least one unit under test.

13. **(Original)** The system of Claim 12, wherein said at least one physical data link connecting the at least one network router with the at least one unit under test further includes:

an input of a first data link coupled to a first network router;  
an output of the first data link coupled to an input of switching logic; and  
at least one output of the switching logic coupled to an input of the unit under test.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 37, wherein said one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further include:

at least one aggregation unit connected between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test.

15. **(Original)** The system of Claim 14, wherein said at least one aggregation unit connected between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

an output of a first network router and an output of a second network router both connected to an input of a first aggregation unit; and  
an output of the first aggregation unit connected to an input of the unit under test.

16. **(Original)** The system of Claim 14, wherein said at least one aggregation unit connected between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

an output of an aggregation unit coupled to an input of switching logic; and

at least one output of the switching logic coupled to an input of the unit under test.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 37, wherein said one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

at least one of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities  
logically coupled with at least one decryption-encryption service.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 37, wherein said one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

at least one of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities  
logically coupled with at least one network layer entity.

19. **(Canceled)**

20. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 39, wherein the unit under test is a computer system.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 39, wherein said means for coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

means for connecting at least one physical data link between the at least one  
network router and the at least one unit under test.

22. **(Original)** The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein said means for connecting at least one physical data link between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

means for coupling an input of a first data link to a first network router;

means for coupling an output of the first data link to an input of switching logic;  
and  
means for connecting at least one output of the switching logic to an input of the  
unit under test.

23. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 39, wherein said means for coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

means for connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one  
network router and the at least one unit under test.

24. **(Original)** The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said means for connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

means for connecting an output of a first network router and an output of a second  
network router to an input of a first aggregation unit; and  
means for connecting an output of the first aggregation unit to the unit under test.

25. **(Original)** The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said means for connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

means for coupling an output of an aggregation unit to an input of switching  
logic; and  
means for connecting at least one output of the switching logic to an input of the  
unit under test.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 39, wherein said means for coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

means for coupling at least one of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities with at least one decryption-encryption service.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of Claim 39, wherein said means for coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

means for coupling at least one of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities with at least one network layer entity.

28. **(Previously Presented)** A method comprising:

coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test, wherein

said coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

connecting at least one physical data link between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test; and

said connecting at least one physical data link between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

coupling an input of a first data link to a first network router;  
coupling an output of the first data link to an input of switching logic; and

connecting at least one output of the switching logic to an input of the unit under test.

29. **(Previously Presented)** A method comprising:

coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test, wherein

said coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:

connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test, and

said connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:

connecting an output of a first network router and an output of a second network router to an input of a first aggregation unit; and

connecting an output of the first aggregation unit to the unit under test.

30. **(Previously Presented)** A method comprising:
- coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test, wherein
- said coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:
- connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test,
- said connecting at least one aggregation unit between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:
- coupling an output of an aggregation unit to an input of switching logic; and
- connecting at least one output of the switching logic to an input of the unit under test.

31. **(Previously Presented)** A system comprising:  
one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test, wherein  
said one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further includes:  
at least one physical data link connecting the at least one network router with the at least one unit under test, and  
said at least one physical data link connecting the at least one network router with the at least one unit under test further includes:  
an input of a first data link coupled to a first network router;  
an output of the first data link coupled to an input of switching logic; and  
at least one output of the switching logic coupled to an input of the unit under test.

32. **(Previously Presented)** A system comprising:  
one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test, wherein  
said one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further include:  
at least one aggregation unit connected between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test, and  
said at least one aggregation unit connected between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:



an output of a first network router and an output of a second network router both connected to an input of a first aggregation unit; and  
 an output of the first aggregation unit connected to an input of the unit under test.

33. **(Previously Presented)** A system comprising:  
 one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test, wherein  
 said one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities internal to at least one network router coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities internal to at least one unit under test further include:  
     at least one aggregation unit connected between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test, and  
 said at least one aggregation unit connected between the at least one network router and the at least one unit under test further includes:  
     an output of an aggregation unit coupled to an input of switching logic; and  
     at least one output of the switching logic coupled to an input of the unit under test.

34. **(Previously Presented)** A method for testing, said method comprising:  
 coupling one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities with one or more corresponding data link layer entities, wherein  
 the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities are internal to at least one network router,  
 the one or more corresponding data link layer entities are internal to at least one unit under test, and

each of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities is configured to function as a data link layer entity, and the at least one router tests the unit under test as if the unit under test was connected to N computer systems.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 34, wherein N modified frame relay sub-interfaces internal to the at least one router are coupled to N corresponding data link layer entities internal to the at least one unit under test.

36. **(Previously Presented)** A system for testing, said system comprising: one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities coupled with one or more corresponding data link layer entities, wherein the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities are internal to at least one network router, the one or more corresponding data link layer entities are internal to at least one unit under test, and each of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities is configured to function as a data link layer entity, and the at least one router tests the unit under test as if the unit under test was connected to N computer systems.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 36, wherein N modified frame relay sub-interfaces internal to the at least one router are coupled to N corresponding data link layer entities internal to the at least one unit under test.

38. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for testing, said apparatus comprising: one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities; and means for coupling the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities with one or more corresponding data link layer entities, wherein

the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities are internal to  
at least one network router,  
the one or more corresponding data link layer entities are internal to at  
least one unit under test, and  
each of the one or more modified frame relay sub-interface entities is  
configured to function as a data link layer entity, and  
the at least one router tests the unit under test as if the unit under test was  
connected to N computer systems.

39. **(Previously Presented)** The apparatus of claim 38, wherein  
N modified frame relay sub-interfaces internal to the at least one router are  
coupled to N corresponding data link layer entities internal to the at least  
one unit under test.

**REMARKS**

Claim 38 has been amended to include an additional element. Support for this amendment can be found, at least, in originally presented claim 10 (previously canceled). No new matter has been added. Applicant asserts that this claim is patentable for the same reasons as currently allowed claims 34 and 36.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5087.

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